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Lockhart to lead final stages of cleanup

GOLDEN, Colo., October 21, 2003 – The Department of Energy today announced the appointment of Frazer R. Lockhart to the position of Manager for the Rocky Flats Field Office in Golden, Colorado. Lockhart, an 18-year veteran of Rocky Flats will lead the final stages of cleanup and closure at the former nuclear weapons site.

"This is an exciting time to be part of the Rocky Flats Closure Project. We are ahead of schedule, under budget, and making impressive progress," said Frazer Lockhart. "I am energized to keep the momentum going. Rocky Flats has a dedicated workforce, an engaged community and a clear path to safely complete the final stages of cleanup and closure."

Not new to Rocky Flats, Lockhart has been instrumental in the acceleration of cleanup at Rocky Flats, embracing the vision and changes at Rocky Flats. He has held multiple assignments in building operations, closure project management, strategic planning, and environmental remediation.

Lockhart's reassignment comes as part of the Department's environmental management program to strengthen and streamline site cleanup and closure. Lockhart replaces Eugene "Gene" Schmitt who served as manager for more than a year, and is returning to the environmental management program in Washington, D.C.

Prior to joining the Department of Energy, Lockhart worked at Fitzsimons Army Medical Center.

Lockhart holds a bachelor of science degree in Mining Engineering from Colorado School of Mines and a master of science degree in Engineering Management from the University of Missouri. In addition, Lockhart continues to serve as a member of the U.S. Army Reserves.

Lockhart resides in Evergreen Colo. with his wife, Betsy, and children, Frazer K. and Kathleen. He volunteers his time as a scout leader and sings in the church choir.

Rocky Flats is a DOE-owned cleanup and closure site operated by Kaiser-Hill Company under an accelerated closure contract. The Rocky Flats mission includes special nuclear material management and shipment, nuclear deactivation and decommissioning, waste management and shipment, environmental cleanup and site closure.